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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/NZ2003/000147  
International Filing Date: July 9, 2003  
Priority Date Claimed: Yes  
Title of Invention: SAMPLE PREPARATION METHOD INCLUDING COOLING  
AND CUTTING  
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Burling-Claridge et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A copy of the International Application (35 USC 371(c)(2))
  - a) (X) is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) () a copy of Form PCT/1B/308 is enclosed.
  - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
4. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
  - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
5. (X) A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
6. (X) A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report with any annexes thereto, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34.
7. (X) A copy of International Search Report.
8. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
9. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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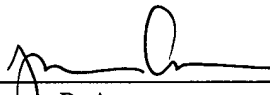
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11. (X) A check in the amount of \$1,000 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
12. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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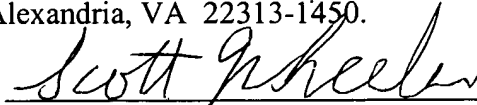
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